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SUBJECT: USNS POTOMAC OIL SPILL

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1. ON THE MORNING OF 8 AUG 77 EMBASSY OFFICERS WERE INVITED TO MINISTRY OF GREENLAND TO DISCUSS U.S. NAVY SHIP POTOMAC OIL SPILL OF APPROXIMATELY 2500 BARRELS IN MELVILLE BAY, GREENLAND ON 5 AUGUST 1977 (SEE REFTELS). THE EXPRESSED CONCERN OF THE MINISTRY OF GREENLAND WAS TO OBTAIN AS CLEAR AND TIMELY A STATEMENT AS POSSIBLE AS TO WHAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO DO ABOUT THE OIL SPILL.

2. THE ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ASPECTS OF AN OIL SPILL IN GREENLANDIC WATERS HAVE RECENTLY RECEIVED WIDE PUBLICITY AS A RESULT OF THE DANISH GOVERNMENT'S
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DECISION TO APPROVE CONSORTIUM OIL DRILLING OFF THE COAST OF WESTERN GREENLAND DESPITE LOCAL OPPOSITION IN GREENLAND. THREE U.S.COMPANIES ARE PARTICIPATING IN THESE EXPLORATORY OPERATIONS. PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF GREENLAND ARE IN GREENLAND AT THIS TIME.

3. WE APPRECIATE THE EFFORT THE COMMANDANT OF THE

U.S. COAST GUARD HAS MADE TO KEEP THE U.S. EMBASSY
INFORMED, BUT NEVERTHELESS NEED A STATEMENT RESPONSIVE
TO GREENLAND MINISTRY'S REQUEST WHICH CAN BE PASSED
TO PRIME MINISTER. PRESS COVERAGE OF THE INCIDENT
HAS BEEN MODERATE TO DATE AND THE POTENTIAL FOR
ADVERS CRITICISM CAN HOPEFULLY BE AVERTED BY A
TIMELY AND MEANINGFUL U.S. STATEMENT IN THIS MATTER.
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